

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of all claims now pending in the application (i.e., Claims 16-49) is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's indication of the allowability of claims 3, 10 and 11 if rewritten in independent form.

By this amendment, Claims 1-15 have been cancelled and new claims 16-49 have been substituted in their place. Independent Claim 16 is a combination of former claims 1, 2 and 3, and independent Claim 24 is a combination of claims 1 and 10, which the Examiner indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In a similar fashion, independent Claim 33 is a combination of Claims 15, 2 and 3 and independent Claim 41 is a combination of Claims 15 and 10. Claim 15 is virtually identical to claim 1 except that it defines that embroidery frames as having identical rather than different structures to one another. Therefore, these claims are also believed allowable as well. The remaining claims are ultimately dependent upon one or more of the above-noted allowable independent claims.

PTO-2038 is enclosed for claim charges (\$ 550.00) associated with two extra independent claims (\$ 200.00) and 14 extra total claims (\$ 350.00). Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 07-0130.

In light of the above, it is believed that all claims now pending in the application (i.e., Claims 16-49) have been placed in condition for allowance. Accordingly, formal allowance of the claims at an early date is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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